

NEWS

MR. VERNON H. BLACKMAN, formerly of the department of botany of the British Museum, but more recently lecturer in botany at the Birkbeck Institute, has been called to a professorship in botany at the University of Leeds.

THAT THE International Botanical Congress of 1910 will be held in Brussels has been decided, an appropriation for it having been granted by the Belgian government. The arrangements for the Congress are in charge of TH. DURAND as president, and E. DE WILDEMAN as general secretary.

THE BOTANICAL STAFF of the government in the Philippine Islands consists now of seven members: Bureau of Science, E. D. MERRILL, F. W. FOXWORTHY, and C. B. ROBINSON; Normal School, W. R. SHAW; School of Agriculture, E. B. COPELAND; Forest Investigation, H. N. WHITFORD; Collector, A. D. E. ELMER.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH of the late Mr. A. P. MORGAN has been published by Professor W. A. KELLERMAN in the *Journal of Mycology* (13:233-236. 1907). The bibliographical list contains 46 titles, extending from 1877 to 1907, the first paper having appeared in the second volume of the BOTANICAL GAZETTE. Since 1902 all his papers (26) appeared in the *Journal of Mycology*.

THE FOLLOWING ACTION was taken, during the Chicago meeting of the American Association, by the Botanical Society of America, Section G of the American Association, and the American Society of Naturalists:

WHEREAS, By the lamented death of Dr. LUCIEN MARCUS UNDERWOOD, late Professor of Botany in Columbia University, science has suffered a severe loss and the American Association, the Botanical Society of America, and the American Society of Naturalists an active and esteemed member, be it

Resolved, That these societies place on record their recognition of his fruitful labors along his chosen lines in the field of scientific research and instruction, and their keen appreciation of the stimulating influence of his personal character and scholarly attainments.

THE PHILIPPINE BUREAU OF FORESTRY has been reorganized under Maj. GEO. P. AHERN as director. The field-work has been assigned to two divisions: Forest Administration, under H. D. EVERETT; and Forest Investigation, under H. N. WHITFORD. The work of the latter division is to discover the forest resources and to bring this information to public attention. A detailed system of mapping has been inaugurated, and considerable portions of the islands have been mapped. Special tracts are being studied in detail for working plans, and herbarium and wood specimens are being collected. The herbarium shows 1109 species of trees on the islands, and the number is likely to be increased to 1600 or 1800. During the three months beginning with November, Dr. WHITFORD has been exploring the island of Mindanao.